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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
(By Electronic Filing Only)

Re: Stephen D. Berry v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2019-001092

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. I am respectfully requesting a first thirty-day extension to serve and file this Return. This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload. Additionally, please substitute the undersigned as counsel of record for the State, and remove Taylor Zane Smith as counsel.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Davidson
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 104114

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Cc: Adam S. Ruffin, Esquire (by email only)